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Re: **Application No.:** 09/498,789
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Applicants: Ramachandran, et al.
Filed: February 5, 2000
Title: Automated Transaction Machine
Art Unit: 3661
Notice of Allowance Date: April 5, 2005
Docket No.: D-1096 CIP

Sir:

Please find enclosed the Issue Fee Transmittal form for filing in the above-referenced Application. Also enclosed are Comments on the Substance of the Interview; Comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance; a Request to Amend Drawings; and thirty-six (36) replacement sheets of (formal) drawings.

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Request to Amend Drawings

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Applicants request to amend the drawings currently pending in the Application by substituting the thirty-six (36) replacement (formal) drawing sheets enclosed herewith, containing Figures 1-45, for the drawing sheets currently pending.

These new formal drawings are identical to the pending drawings in all respects except for shading, line quality, margins, and paper size. No new matter will be added as a result of this substitution. Permission to amend the drawings by substitution is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Notice of Allowability dated April 5, 2005 kindly enter Applicants'
comments without prejudice as follows:

Comments on the Substance of the Interview

An interview was conducted on September 21, 2004 between Primary Examiner Cuong H. Nguyen and a representative (Daniel Wasil, Reg. No. 45,303) of Applicants. Applicants' representative requested an Examiner's amendment to place the application in condition for allowance. Specifically, Applicants' representative requested that claim 33 be amended to depend on claim 1, and that claims 18-24 and 27-32 be canceled. Thereafter, only claims 1-17, 25-26, and 33-35 would remain pending. Applicants filed a response on October 16, 2004 again respectfully requesting the Examiner's amendment.

Comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance

The statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowability indicates a general paraphrasing of language, and not necessarily the exact claim language. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that while the specific features and relationships mentioned in the statement are not disclosed or suggested in the prior art, these are not the only recited features and relationships which are not found in the prior art. Also, it should be understood that the allowed subject matter is to only be limited by that subject matter which is specifically recited. The statement refers to subject matter (or language) which is not recited in all of the claims. For example, but not necessarily all-inclusive, claims 1 and 25 do not specifically require "identity data are compared against stored data for a level of correlation between those verified identity data before said merchant user are granted to accessing said machine." Likewise, claim 14 does not specifically require "operating a transaction machine." Nor do all claims specifically require "merchant user are verified" or "verified identity data." Thus, any remarks in the statement which narrow the recited subject matter should be disregarded.

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